



ASIAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

Overview



- ✦ Define Asian-American Origins
 - ▮ Origins and Historical Perspective
 - ▮ Contemporary Issues
 - ▮ Social Structure
 - ▮ Values and backgrounds affecting
 - ▮ Military contributions

Definition

DoD Directive 1350.2, an Asian or Pacific Islander is a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

Origins of the Asian-American

- ✦ Chinese (1840s - 1882)
- ▮ Japanese (1860 - 1907)
- ▮ Filipino (1899 - 1934)
- ▮ Korean (1901 - 1907)

Legislation Affecting Asian-Americans

- ▮ Foreign Miner's Act
 - 1852 California passed this legislation to tax all foreigners in mining
- ▮ Naturalization Act
 - Passed in 1870, this Act forbade the entry of spouse s into the U.S.
- ▮ Chinese Exclusion Act
 - Passed in 1882, This legislation precluded Chinese immigration

Legislation Affecting Asian-Americans

- ✦ Gentlemen's Agreement
 - Japanese agreed to voluntarily restrict immigration
- ▢ Cable Act
 - This stated that if your an American female and marry a foreign male, you lose citizenship
- ▢ Alien Land Act
 - Prevented aliens from owning land in California

Legislation Affecting Asian-Americans

- ▮ Exclusionary Immigration Act
 - This excluded all Asian and put quotas on British, Germans, and others
- ▮ Tiddings-McDuffie Act
 - Granted Common Wealth status to the Philippines giving them independence, therefore making them subject to quotas.
- ▮ Walter-McCarren Act
 - In 1952 Asians could apply for naturalization

World War II

- ▮ Executive Order 9066
 - Basically stated that all person of Japanese ancestry living in certain parts of the country were to be interned
- ▮ Repeal Chinese Exclusion Act
 - The Chinese were our allies so a quota system was set up allowing 100 immigrant a year.

Stereotypes

A large, leafy tree with a thick trunk and many branches, set against a dark background. The tree is the central focus of the slide, with its branches spreading out in various directions. The leaves are a vibrant green color, contrasting with the dark background. The trunk is a dark brown color, and the overall shape of the tree is somewhat rounded and bushy.

- ▮ Myths
- ▮ Facts
- ▮ Reality

Chinese Social Structure



- ▮ Individual
- ▮ Family (Clan)
- ▮ Respect for Age
- ▮ Strong Male Tradition
- ▮ Filial Piety

Japanese Social Structure



- ▮ Patriarchal
- ▮ Filial Piety
- ▮ Male Oriented
- ▮ Family Above Individual
- ▮ Concept of “House”

Korean Social Structure



- ▮ Social Class Stratification
- ▮ Filial Piety
- ▮ Male Dominance
- ▮ Concept of “CHIP”
- ▮ Strong respect for elders and education

Filipino Social Structure

- ▮ Affected by outside influences
- ▮ Less formal family relationships
- ▮ Extended family
- ▮ Male-Female relationships exist

Chinese Language

- ▮ Oldest and most widespread on Earth
 - gesture and tone important
- ▮ Spoken language is mono-symbolic
- ▮ Over 1000 dialects
- ▮ One written language
- ▮ Ideographs for words

Japanese Language

- ▮ Written language borrowed from China
- ▮ Poly-symbolic and mutually intelligible
- ▮ Express ideas versus words
- ▮ Written language
 - Kanji, Hiragana, Katakana

Korean Language

- ▮ Written with Chinese characters
- ▮ Grammar similar to Japanese
- ▮ Different levels of speech
- ▮ Dialects mutually intelligible

Filipino Language

- ▢ 300 different languages
- ▢ Tagalog national language
- ▢ No sounds for F, V, W, Z
- ▢ Different dialects

Chinese Religion



- ▮ Non-Christian
- ▮ Confucianism
- ▮ Taoism
- ▮ Buddhism
- ▮ Chinese Christianity

Japanese Religion



- ▮ Buddhism
- ▮ Shinto
- ▮ Japanese Christianity

Korean Religion



- ▮ Taoism
- ▮ Buddhism
- ▮ Confucianism
- ▮ Korean Christianity
- ▮ Ch'ondo-Gyo

Filipino Religion

- ▮ Catholicism
- ▮ Islamic

Other Considerations

- ▮ Chinese Concept of “Face” and visibility
- ▮ Japanese generations change
- ▮ Korean concept of “Kibun”
- ▮ Filipino loyalty

Values and Attitudes Affecting Asian-Americans

- ▮ Education
- ▮ Economic Issues
- ▮ U.S. Military

Current Problems and Issues



- ▮ Family
- ▮ Overcoming Stereotypes
- ▮ Backlash due to “New Immigrants”

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